



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Payment for Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority (\$20,000)

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2005

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve payment for Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority.

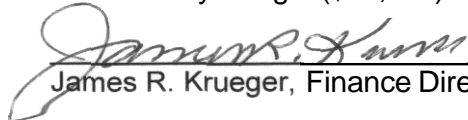
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City of Lodi has participated in the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority and its predecessor, the East San Joaquin Parties Water Authority, since inception. The Authority has acted as a planning and coordinating entity for various groundwater and water supply issues. The Authority is currently working on developing an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, one of the requirements needed to obtain State grant funding through Proposition 50. In addition, the Authority is a partner with the State and Federal governments on the "Joint Salinity Study" being performed by the U.S. Geological Survey to examine the saline intrusion issue affecting our groundwater basin.

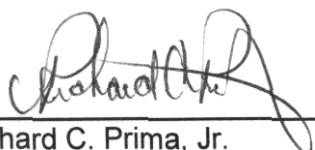
The majority of the Authority's \$200,000 annual budget is provided by San Joaquin County, with other members contributing funds as well.

The City's share of \$20,000 is included in the Water Utility operating budget.

FISCAL IMPACT: The City's share has remained stable for a number of years, and we do not anticipate significant changes next year.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Water Utility Budget (\$20,900)


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